(b) A list is placed on the Table. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(c) No bund has been put up as yet, though permission was accorded on 15th Thulam 1103.

Kizhakkummuri Panchayat.

58. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state when the above Panchayat was constituted last;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state when the next reconstitution of the above Panchayat will take place; has the Government taken any steps preparatory to the election;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any definite rules now in practice regarding the reconstitution of a Panchayat and the term of office of each Panchayat;

(d) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government proposes to make any change in rules regarding the qualifications for one to become a Panchayat member?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) In Karkadagam 1100.

(b) Early in Chingam 1104. Steps are being taken.

(c) The member is referred to section 7 of Regulation V of 1089 as amended by Regulation III of 1097. A Panchayat is reconstituted when the term of office of its members ceases.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—The answer to the last part of the question is 'Matter is under consideration.' May I know under whose consideration; under the Government or under the Department.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Under the Government.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—How long has it been under the consideration of the Department—the reduction of the qualification of the Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Over a year.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Over a year. Does it mean not less than two years?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Less than two years and over a year.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Has there been any recommendation by the Department; any definite proposal made by the Department to the Government in this matter?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Proposals received from the several Panchayats have been submitted to the Government.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Was any recommendation by the Department made on those reports when the same was sent to the Government?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. Some sort of recommendation has been made by the Department.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know what it is?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot divulge it now.

Demands for grants by certain Panchayats.

59. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(a) a list of demands for grants made by the Kumbalangi, Chellanam and Pallivirutti Panchayats respectively for the last three years, with the dates of application for the same, the dates of allowing the same, the amount granted to each Panchayat, the amount utilised by each and the amount returned by each with dates;

(b) a list of works done by each of the above Panchayats during the last three years with the funds granted from the Government?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) and (b). A list giving full particulars is placed on the Council Table. It is not clear what the Member means by the word "returned." Hence no answer is given to this portion of the question.

Toll gate on the Chowwara-Vellarappalli road.

60. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government have been pleased to consider at any time the question of removing the toll bar on the Chowwara-Vellarappalli road;

(b) if answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether they have received any representation from the people of that locality, that the toll bar should be removed without delay;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to inform the Council what orders were passed on these representations;

(d) if the Government have not considered the representations favourably will they be pleased to inform the reason that weighed with them in doing so?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the reply to question (a).

(c) and (d). The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Has not the toll been auctioned for the next year, may I know?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No. Pending orders of the Government, not auctioned.

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